

Minutes
Prescription Work Group
June 12, 2007

Present: Tom Werner, Melinda Malott, Vicki Mills, Kim Vander Weyden and Dianne Vander Weyden, Katherine Murray, Mark Bandy, Linda Hoffman, Heather Kirby, Patricia Nguyen

New members introduced: Three new members joined the group; Mark Bandy, Patricia Ngyuen and Linda Hoffman. Mark and Patricia are retail pharmacists and Linda is the Director of Behavioral Health @FMH

May 23 Access to Health Coalition Meeting Summary: Tom provided an overview of the presentations at the larger coalition meeting. Members of the Newly named Executive Committee have been selected. There will be an election of the officers this Friday June 15.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS: It was suggested that there are many areas of focus to be addressed and that having group members assigned certain responsibilities can move our process along faster and allow for even distribution of the larger task at hand.

1) **Medication Resource Reformatting:** Various group members have received feedback that the resource list is useful but too long to have to go through. The suggestion was made that the list should be categorized in a way to make it a more efficient and user-friendly tool. A more user-friendly format is to be presented at the next meeting in July ***Assigned: Heather Kirby and Melinda Malott.***

FOLLOW-UP – Heather Kirby agreed to take work on the list along with Melinda. It was agreed that a new and improved suggest4ed format would be presented to the group at the next meeting. Melinda noted the list was due its first revision in June.

2) **Time Gap Problem:**

Pharmaceutical Company Assistance– Contact follow-up – Tom Werner and Linda Hoffman

Prescribing Generic vs Brand – Katherine Murray/Tom Werner

Stream lining the application process – Tom Werner to research and present his finding to the group

Discharge Supply of medications – Linda Hoffman

- 3) **Legislation:** Tom reported various opportunities for our group and the larger coalition to have an impact/voice through the legislative process. Those assigned to keep us up to date on current legislative issues and share with us: **Vicki Mills, Kim and Dianne Vander Weyden**

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Membership Directory: Melinda has attached a member directory with the contact information of those who attended the meeting. Melinda will revise as necessary.

Outreach: PharmD Carol Malkowitz from Clifton T. Perkins center will make a presentation to the physicians seeking CME's on September 14, 2007. Carol has extensive knowledge of drug cost comparisons. Assigned for follow-up: Mark Bandy to contact Dr. Malkowitz with lists of most prescribed medications. Patricia Nguyen will work on this with Mark.

Link: Prescription Resource Guide

<http://www.co.frederick.md.us/DocumentView.asp?DID=2824>

Link: Health Care Access Coalition

<http://www.co.frederick.md.us/index.asp?nid=1936>

This link takes you to the home page for the larger coalition as well as links you to the minutes/activities of the other working groups.

Next Meeting: **July 17 4-5:30** 2nd floor classroom area of FMH